



Tribal Waiver

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Directions

Please write a one to three page narrative addressing all of the issues or points listed below. Please submit your narrative with your TRGP application. If a certain issue is not applicable to your tribal community, please indicate that in your narrative. *In your narrative, please explain how the tribal community's law enforcement efforts have been directly impacted by your financial distress. Please provide specific examples and documentation to support your answers.* Failure to respond to all items may significantly delay the waiver review.

- Has your tribal community recently experienced **federal funding cuts** that have negatively impacted your ability to serve tribal community members?
- Has your tribal community recently experienced **Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funding cuts** that have negatively impacted your ability to serve tribal community members?
- Has your tribal community recently experienced **state funding cuts** that have negatively impacted your ability to serve tribal community members?
- Have any of the above listed funding cuts or other funding reductions caused:
 - Lay-offs within the tribal government? How many?
 - Lay-offs within the tribal police department? How many?
 - A reduction in necessary overtime expenses for your law enforcement agency?
 - A reduction in the tribal community's ability to purchase necessary supplies and/or equipment?
 - A reduction in your tribal community's ability to upgrade or purchase new vehicles?
- Has your tribal community experienced budgetary imbalance or expenditure cutbacks resulting in a significant reduction in services provided to your tribal community?

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- Has the tribal community recently lost a primary employer? Please explain:
 - When the lay-offs occurred?
 - How many workers were affected in your tribal community?
 - Have any recent closings or lay-offs outside your tribal community had a major fiscal impact on the tribal community and its members?
- Does the Tribal Government engage in any private enterprise that is *currently experiencing fiscal distress*?
- Does your tribe have a budget deficit?
 - Please explain, by including dollar amounts and percentages.
 - Has the tribal community's budget increased or decreased in the past two years? If so, by how much?
- What is the reported poverty rate in your tribal community? Please cite your sources.
- What is the reported unemployment rate in your tribal community? Please cite your sources.
- Has your tribal community been located within an area in which a declaration of major disaster has been made pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act? This includes both federal and state disaster areas. When? What was the impact?
- Has a natural disaster recently affected your tribal lands? *If so, please explain how this has created financial hardship.*
 - Estimated amount of damages to your tribal lands.
 - Estimated cost of unbudgeted supplies used.
 - Estimated cost of unbudgeted hours used by your law enforcement agency.
 - Estimated cost of unbudgeted hours used by other agencies of your Tribal Government.

- Estimated funds disbursed as emergency aid (e.g., food vouchers, blankets, housing, etc).
- Estimation of the tribal community's total expenditures due to the natural disaster.

- Has your tribal community, within the past three years, experienced an unanticipated and non-recurring expense? For example, did you have to rebuild some part of the tribal community's infrastructure? Please be sure to include:

- Why it is being done?
- What percentage of the tribal community's budget must be allocated towards the expense?

- Has your tribe been declared bankrupt by a court of law?

- Has your tribe been placed in receivership, or its functional equivalent by a state or the Federal Government?

- Is there a current determination by another federal or state agency of qualification of matching funds based on severe fiscal distress?

- Has your tribal land been declared a financially distressed area by the state where the tribe is located?

- Has there been a significant downgrading of the tribe's bond rating for fiscal-related reasons?

- Is the tribe filing for bankruptcy, receivership, or similar measure, with the request for relief pending?

Please provide documentation of any other budgetary distress that your tribal community is experiencing that is not accounted for by the above questions.

- Will your tribal community be able to contribute towards the local match costs? If so, what will your community be able to contribute? (if any)

Toward equipment and training requests? _____

Toward officer position(s)?

Year 1 _____ Year 2 _____ Year 3 _____

Retention of Awarded Officer Questions

If you are requesting officers under the TRGP program, planning for the retention of the officer position(s) after the three-year grant period ends is one of the terms of the grant award. Please see page 19 of the instruction booklet for additional information.

- What plans will the tribal community put in place to retain the officer position(s) with local funding after the grant period is over?

Contact COPS

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